



Upper South Platte River Watershed

Resources at work from October 1, 2007 - September 30, 2008

The Colorado Watershed Approach

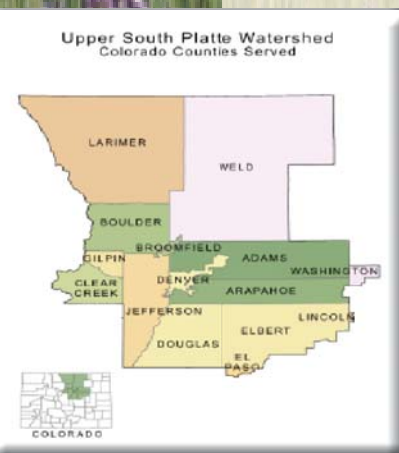
Instead of the traditional statewide approach in addressing priority resource issues like soil erosion, water quality, grazing lands, wildlife, and animal waste, NRCS looks to Colorado's ten watersheds to identify their particular local resource needs and priorities.

Watershed work groups meet annually to determine which natural resource concerns are most prevalent in their communities.

In turn, Colorado NRCS focuses its resources on addressing those concerns. Colorado's local conservation districts provide leadership in this effort to foster increased decision making at the local level.

High Priority Resource Concerns in the Upper South Platte River Watershed

- Water Quality
- Erosion
- Water Quantity
- Rangeland Health
- Integrated Pest Management



Fact.... The Upper South Platte River Watershed totals 8,106,960 acres. It includes all and/or parts of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, Jefferson, Larimer, and Weld Counties. NRCS natural resource specialists are staffed at the Metro, Brighton, Byers, Fort Collins, Franktown, Greeley, and Kiowa USDA Field Service Centers to assist residents.

Vision

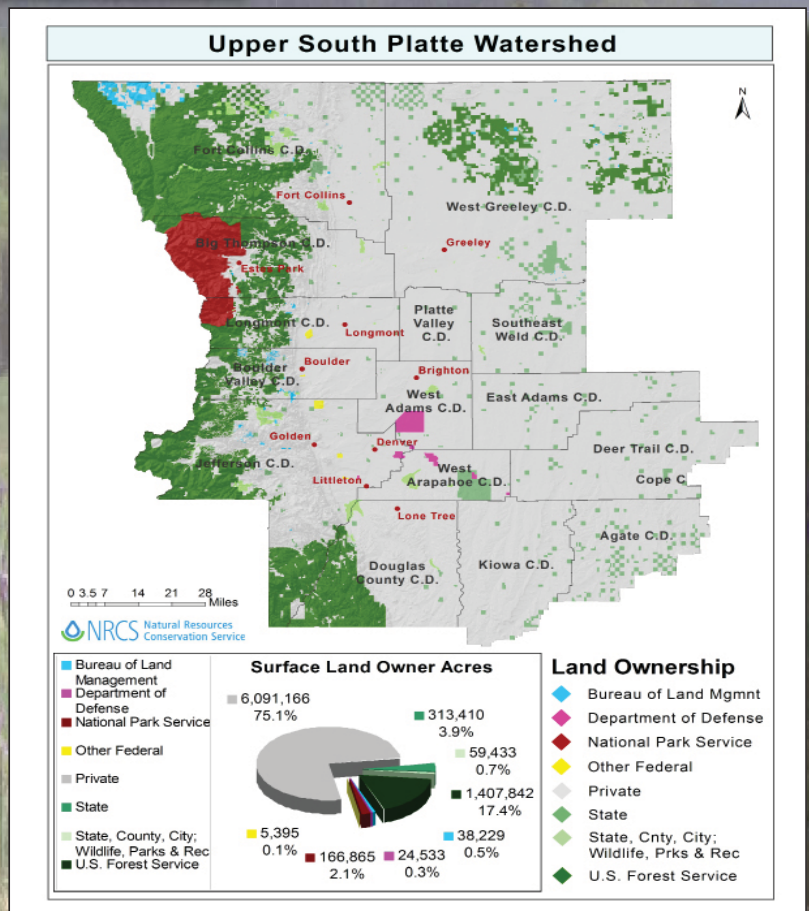
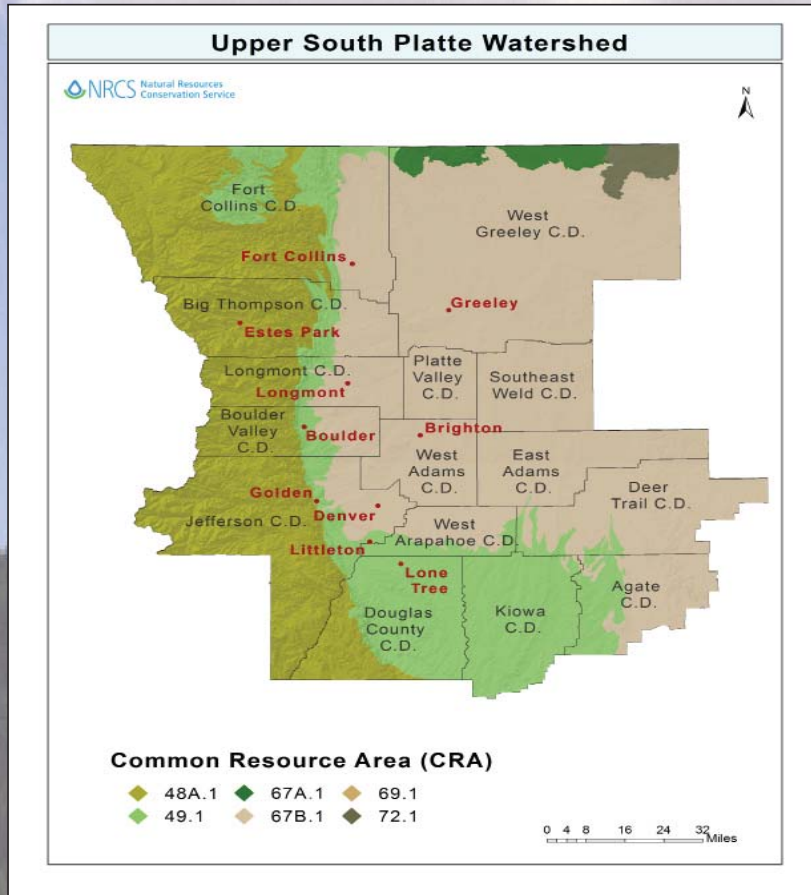
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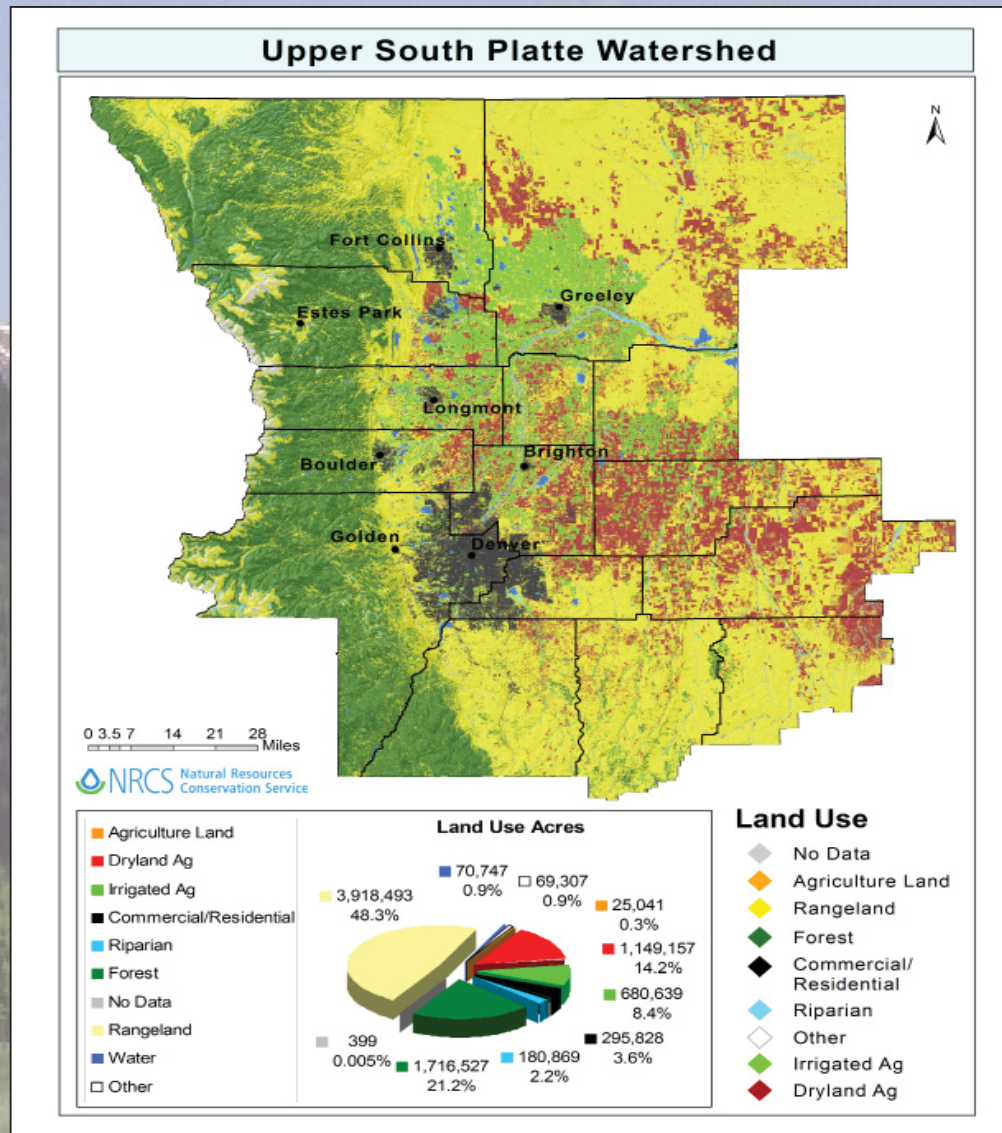
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2008 Farm Bill Program Activities

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was reauthorized in the Farm Bill to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality.

EQIP provides financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management conservation practices on eligible agricultural land. EQIP may provide cost-share incentives for up to 75 percent of the costs of certain conservation practices.

FY 2008 EQIP Contract Funding in the Upper South Platte Watershed

Natural Resource Concerns	Applications Received	Applications Contracted	Acres Treated	\$ Amount Approved
Water Quality/Quantity	140	90	11,981	\$3,264,618
Soil Management	14	11	3,299	\$165,367
Grazing Land	50	31	22,524	\$748,183
Animal Waste Management	2	1	100	\$33,857
Wildlife	6	4	543	\$85,698
Forestry	58	34	940	\$499,358
Invasive-Platte Valley Conservation District	5	5	221	\$19,972
CNMP	2	1	24	\$500
Totals	277	177	39,631	\$4,817,552

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) offers landowners technical and financial support to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property.

FY 2008 WRP Statewide Activities

Number of Applications Received	3
Number of Applications Approved	1
Dollar Amount Approved	\$435,750
Acres under Contract	1,162

The Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) is a voluntary program that helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture. It provides matching funds to organizations with existing farmland protection programs to purchase conservation easements or other interests in land.

FY 2008 FRPP in the Upper South Platte Watershed

County	Type	# Projects	Acres	Fed. Share
Weld	Farm	1	300	\$1,350,000
Total		1	300	\$1,350,000

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program that encourages creation of high quality wildlife habitats that support wildlife populations of National, State, Tribal, and local significance.

FY 2008 WHIP Statewide Activities

Number of Applications Received	45
Number of Applications Approved	34
Dollar Amount Approved	\$797,836
Acres under Contract	3,734

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